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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 2,500 IN SEPTEMBER TO 460,600

Job increases in both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing sectors boosted total establishment employment in Rhode Island by 2,500 in September to a new record high level, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 460,600 in September. This represents a gain of 2,500 from the August level and is 3,400 above the September 1987 figure of 457,200.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 800 from August to September. However, the current figure of 116,100 is 900 less than the year earlier level of 117,000. In the Durable Goods category, the September employment total of 79,800 was up 500 from the prior month, but was 700 below the figure reported a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries advanced 300 in the August-September period to a level of 36,300, but was down 200 compared to the September 1987 total.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly employment gains of 100 each were reported in Stone-Clay-Glass, Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from the previous month. Compared to a year ago employment increases occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+200), Lumber/Furniture and Instruments (+100 each). In contrast, a downturn of 500 was registered in Transportation Equipment,

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EMPLOYERS! LIST YOUR HOLIDAY JOB OPENINGS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

Are you a retailer planning to hire additional sales people for the approaching holiday season? Perhaps a manufacturer considering the addition of another shift or adding part-time or full-time help to your present shift?

The Rhode Island Job Service is the State's largest single source of job-ready applicants. Now is the time to list your openings with the Job Service. Our responsibility is to work with employers across the entire spectrum of the work force, providing a full range of employees from the assembly line to the front office. Professional job interviewers in each of our ten local offices will screen and refer applicants for your consideration. You make the final selection. We can also assist you in describing your jobs accurately as you prepare your job orders. This saves you, or your personnel staff, valuable time and money in recruiting and interviewing.

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We're ready to help with your holiday hiring needs. Please call your job orders into the Job Bank at 277-3588 or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page two of this Bulletin. We're open Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you.

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending September 30, 1988, must be filed by October 31, 1988, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave.	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road	
Middletown	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St.	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.	
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't. Center	
Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-9624
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St.	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
JOB BANK	277-3588
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-3726
Employer Relations Unit	277-3458
Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates	277-6813
CALL-A-TEEN	
Call your local Job Service Office	
Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987
Total Placements	1,789	1,298	2,173
New Applications	2,872	2,924	3,427
New Openings Received	2,834	2,918	2,472

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept 1988	Aug 1988	% Change Aug 1988
Initial Claims	4,068	5,116	- 20.5
No. of Payments	34,069	47,738	- 28.6
Amt. of Payment	$ 5,396,837	$ 7,557,056	- 28.6
Exhaustions	761	852	- 10.7

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1988	Aug 1988	Sept 1987
Initial Claims	3,477	3,955	3,450
No. of Payments	29,877	28,704	26,069
Amt. of Payments	$ 5,001,326	$ 4,868,941	$ 4,173,013

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	September 1988	August 1988	September 1987
Civilian Labor Force	523.8	523.4	523.1
Unemployment	12.8	14.4	17.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.4	2.8	3.3
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	2.8	2.9	3.8

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Civilian Labor Force	338.9	336.4	337.2
Unemployment	9.0	10.7	12.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.7	3.2	3.7

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Civilian Labor Force	168.9	167.6	169.2
Unemployment	6.1	7.1	7.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.6	4.2	4.1

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	August 1988	July 1988	August 1987
Civilian Labor Force	37,150	36,895	36,830
Unemployment	780	775	1,025
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.1	2.1	2.8

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND AUGUST 15-19, 1988

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	11,172	100.0
Men	5,328	47.7
Under 45	3,477	65.3
45 and Over	1,851	34.7
Women	5,844	52.3
Under 45	3,556	60.8
45 and Over	2,288	39.2
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	806	7.2
Manufacturing	4,350	38.9
Public Utilities	1,071	9.6
Wholesale and Retail	1,666	14.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	331	3.0
Service	2,564	23.0
All Other	384	3.4
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,930	17.3
Clerical and Sales	2,312	20.7
Service	1,190	10.6
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	40	0.4
Processing	278	2.5
Machine Trades	886	7.9
Bench Work	1,732	15.5
Structural Work	1,468	13.1
Miscellaneous	1,336	12.0
INA	0	0.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sept. 1988	Aug 1988	Sept. 1987	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	460.6	458.1	457.2	+ 2,500	+ 3,400
MANUFACTURING	116.1	115.3	117.0	+ 800	- 900
NONMANUFACTURING	344.5	342.8	340.2	+ 1,700	+ 4,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.5	21.2	20.6	+ 300	+ 900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.9	15.7	15.8	+ 200	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	106.8	106.8	105.3	0	+ 1,500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26.7	26.4	25.7	+ 300	+ 1,000
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	116.6**	116.0**	115.7	+ 600	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.0	56.7	57.1	+ 300	- 100

1988 Figures are PRELIMINARY 1987 Figures are REVISED Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded

** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Sept. 1988	Aug. 1988	Sept. 1987	Aug 1988	Sept 1987	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1987	Sept. 1988	Sept. 1987
ALL MANUFACTURING	116.1	115.3	117.0	+ 800	- 900	339.44	331.60	39.7	40.0	8.55	8.29
DURABLE GOODS	79.8	79.3	80.5	+ 500	- 700	333.43	329.22	39.6	40.1	8.42	8.21
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	3.0	2.9	0	+ 100	412.90	391.48	40.8	40.4	10.12	9.69
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.7	1.9	+ 100	- 100	446.07	406.50	40.7	39.2	10.96	10.37
PRIMARY METALS	5.2	5.1	5.2	+ 100	0	403.68	406.19	40.9	42.4	9.87	9.58
FABRICATED METALS	8.9	8.8 *	9.0	+ 100	- 100	342.77	315.59	41.1	40.1	8.34	7.87
NONELECTRIC MACH	6.1	6.1	6.2 *	0	- 100	459.43	450.55	42.5	43.7	10.81	10.31
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.5	11.4	11.7	+ 100	- 200	301.84	295.23	39.2	39.0	7.70	7.57
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.7 *	8.6 *	9.2	+ 100	- 500	445.27	440.76	39.3	40.4	11.33	10.91
INSTRUMENTS	4.8 *	4.8 *	4.7 *	0	+ 100	326.52	330.88	38.1	40.9	8.57	8.09
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.7	23.7	23.5	0	+ 200	262.48	263.87	38.6	39.8	6.80	6.63
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6.1	6.1	6.2	0	- 100	273.05	260.15	36.7	36.9	7.44	7.05
NONDURABLE GOODS	36.3	36.0	36.5	+ 300	- 200	350.24	335.86	39.8	39.7	8.80	8.46
FOOD-BEVERAGE	2.9	2.8	3.1	+ 100	- 200	323.76	292.93	38.0	36.8	8.52	7.96
TEXTILES	10.1	10.1	10.2	0	- 100	320.33	305.83	40.6	40.4	7.89	7.57
APPAREL	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 300	294.28	287.29	41.1	41.1	7.16	6.99
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0	318.35	321.14	40.4	42.2	7.88	7.61
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	6.9	6.7	0	+ 200	446.08	435.86	37.9	38.1	11.77	11.44
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.0	+ 100	+ 200	442.00	439.30	40.7	41.2	10.86	10.66
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 100	372.60	342.37	41.4	41.2	9.00	8.31
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.7	4.7	4.7	0	0	374.74	322.70	41.5	38.6	9.03	8.36
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 100	+ 100	251.02	234.43	39.1	39.4	6.42	5.95

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while employment in Electrical Machinery was off by 200 for the twelve month period. Annual declines of 100 each were posted in Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment. Employment in Primary Metals was unchanged from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each were recorded in Food-Beverage, Chemical Products and Leather Products. Job levels in the six remaining Nondurable Goods categories showed no change from their August totals. On an annual comparison, upturns of 200 each were evident in Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products, followed by a gain of 100 in Leather Products. Annual decreases were registered in Apparel (-300), Food-Beverage (-200), Textiles and Rubber Products (-100 each). Employment in Paper Products and Plastics Products was unchanged from a year earlier.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall establishment employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 1700 from August to September, largely the result of seasonal hiring in several segments. The current total of 344,500 represents a gain of 4,300 jobs compared to the September 1987 figure of 340,200.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Services employment recorded the most substantial monthly increase (+ 600). At 116,600, the segment was 900 above the level recorded a year earlier. Employment in Contract Construction,at 21,500, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,700, each registered a monthly gain of 300. Compared to a year ago, the former advanced by 900, while the latter added 1,000 new jobs. Overall Government employment rose by 300 in September to 57,000, which was 100 below the year ago total. Job levels in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,900, posted a monthly increase of 200 and an annual gain of 100. Although Trade employment showed no change in the August-September period, the current total of 106,800 represents an increase of 1,500 jobs from the September 1987 figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 5 cents to $8.55 in mid-September, and were up 26 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week was up by 0.4 of an hour in September to 39.7 hours. However, this was 0.3 of an hour less than the September 1987 work week. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $339.44 in September, representing an increase of $5.39 from last month and a gain of $7.84 from a year ago.

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